

PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Description

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Top panel section 10 includes a top edge 20 that forms a part of the bottom or base of the top rail 16. It further includes a bottom edge 22, a pair of laterally spaced apart side skins 24, 26 and a plurality of horizontal webs 28. The top rail 16 includes an outside skin 30, a top skin 32, an inside skin 34, and a bottom skin 36 and one or two webs 38. All portions of the top panel section 10 are horizontally elongated, preferably for the full length of the trailer. The top edge 20, a substantial portion of the bottom edge 22, skins 32, 36 and the webs 28, 38 all extend horizontally. The